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SUBJECT: MEXICO-US TUNA DISCUSSIONS

REF: MEXICO 173; STATE 5272

1. PLEASE ASSURE GOM THAT THE USG INTENDS TO TAKE UP THE TUNA TALKS PROMPTLY. WHILE WE ARE AWAITING THE MEXICAN PROPOSALS WE ARE BUSY TRYING TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

2. WE WOULD PREFER TO CONTINUE TALKS ALONG THE LINES CASTRO Y CASTRO PROPOSED TO FISHATT, NAMELY, INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS THROUGH THE EMBASSY RATHER THAN A FORMAL MEETING AT THIS TIME. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT AN INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT PROVIDES MORE LIKELIHOOD OF REACHING AGREEMENT. FYI. IT HAD BEEN OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT CASTRO Y CASTRO DID NOT WANT A REGULAR MEETING BECAUSE OF THE COSTS INVOLVED. HOWEVER, IF HE DOES WANT A REGULAR

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MEETING, WE PRESUME THE GOM WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES AND

MEET EXPENSES. END FYI.

3. EXPRESS OUR THANKS FOR THE PERSONAL ATTENTION FONSEC RABASA HAS GIVEN TO THIS PROBLEM AND NOTE THAT USG HAS EVERY INTENTION OF PURSUING THIS MATTER TO A SUCCESSFUL

CONCLUSION, BUT THAT WITH FEELINGS IN SOME QUARTERS BECOMING OVERHEATED, GREATER PATIENCE AND GOOD WILL ARE REQUIRED BY ALL PARTIES.

4. WE WILL TRY TO HAVE A POSITION TO PRESENT TO THE MEXICANS BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK, BUT WE CANNOT BE SURE IT WILL BE READY BY THEN. IN ANY CASE WE COULD NOT BE READY BY JANUARY 14. RUSH

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